

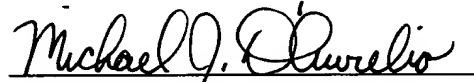
**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 21-23 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 21-23 in a continuation application.

Claims 21-23 have been canceled herein in order to remove the issues involved therein for purposes of appeal in the present application. Specifically, the canceling of claims 21-23 herein renders the rejection of such claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 21-23 be withdrawn.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,


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